

## FINE CROPS IN VIRGINIA

The Chinook Wind of Prosperity  
Blows Gently in the Old  
Dominion.

### NO ROOM FOR GRUMBLING

The Idle Reporter Smothered  
Them All Down the Right Way  
and They Are Thankful.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HOLLADAY, VA., Oct. 8.—The year,  
now in its last quarter and rapidly drawing  
to a close, has been a very prosperous  
one for the people of this section.

It has been many years since so large  
a crop of corn was raised, and the tillers  
of the soil were never happier or in  
better spirits. The one cause of complaint  
has been the scarcity of farm  
labor, and the impossibility of securing  
hands at the season, when crops must  
be gathered and saved, notwithstanding  
a great advance in wages. The farmer  
has long been noted as a chronic grumbler.  
At least he has been regarded as one  
whose troubles could not be appeased  
and in all fairness to him it must be  
conceded that he has lived up to his  
reputation until within the last five  
years.

It is a happy omen for the country  
when his grumblings, real or imaginary,  
have ceased to occupy his thoughts, and  
when he looks forward hopefully and  
confidently. That our farmers are now  
in such a cheerful state of mind is in-  
dicated by the heavy increase in the  
supply of cereals purchased for the  
fall season, and also by a decided en-  
largement of the acreage of land seeded  
to wheat and grass.

#### THE IDLE REPORTER.

There is another reason which the people  
of Spotsylvania county have for  
feeling happy and contented. The Idle  
Reporter has been in the county, and in  
his letters to The Times-Dispatch he has  
been saying many flattering things  
about them in that charming and win-  
ning style which characterizes his writ-  
ing. In truth, it may be that only the  
people of the Lewiston Valley, and in  
particular the neighbors of the Idle Reporter,  
are entitled to lay claim to the kind and com-  
plimentary remarks of the Idle Reporter,  
but he is a big hearted and generous  
fellow and has taken all Spotsylvania  
under his protecting care. He writes  
"Spotsylvania," and all Spotsylvanians  
take the nice things he says to  
themselves. This is only natural, and we  
hope he will not object. The Idle Reporter  
is nice, affable, sweet, delightfully flattered  
and exceedingly agreeable to the people  
here. Our hearts are swelled, it is true,  
but if necessary we'll have new bands  
clamped around them, and pray for a  
little more flattery next summer. For its  
size and population Lewiston should not  
be the best known place in Virginia, and  
the only thing that has been told of it  
is good and pleasant. The Idle Reporter  
has told of its people, its farms,  
its fields, its woods, its roads, its churches,  
its stores, and its homes, its horses,  
its cattle, its hives, its flocks, its yellow  
jackets, its horse-flea, and its seed ticks,  
and hundreds of other things, and yet  
one puts down his latest contribution on  
this section with the feeling that he  
has not begun to tell a tithe of what  
he knows, and that he could continue  
to write indefinitely.

In a recent letter to The Times-Dispatch  
he gave pictures of a colored revival  
and a white folk's all-day meeting,  
which, for fidelity to life, sympathy,  
interpretation, accuracy of outline  
and detail and ease and grace of ex-  
pression should make them classic.  
In these pictures he has made, not  
only Lewiston and Spotsylvania, but the  
whole State his domain. I am unable to recall  
the name of the eminent man of letters  
who declared that "Easy writing is  
damned hard reading." But surely the

#### ON THE SAFETY OF OVER EATING

The Rule of Choosing the Lesser of Two  
Evils Applies to the Way You Eat.

I want to know how a man is to know  
when he has had enough?  
The Pilgrim Fathers, I believe, had a  
qualifying to life, and that you should  
always rise from the table feeling as if  
you could eat some more.  
But the question is, how much more?  
Just when to stop?  
That's the point.

The rule is wrong, because it's no rule  
at all.

It is lax and unscientific.  
It is likely to lead to the dangerous  
habit of eating too little.  
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habit of eating too little.  
It is the cause of nine-tenths of the dis-  
eases from which humanity suffers to-  
day.

What is disease?

It is simply uneven balance between  
winds and rapids.

Some organs lack strength to carry on  
the special work for which it was creat-  
ed.

Where shall it find the strength it  
lacks?

In drugs?

Ten thousand times, NO!

Better die than become a hopeless drug  
fiend.

No, in food.

"But," you say, "I eat a plenty of good  
food every day!"

True, dear friend; but you don't digest  
it.

And food, undigested, is mere poison.

So, to make food do you good, you must  
take Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

The great thing about Stuart's Dyspepsia  
Tablets is that their action does not  
depend upon stimulative drugging.

They cannot create a habit.

They contain no ingredients to "pick  
you up," "tone up your nervous system,"  
or furnish whip energy, by calling out  
your vital reserve force.

They create new strength, force and  
energy—out of your Food.

If taken sparingly, they will do you no  
good at all.

So, eat to live, and live to eat, with  
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

The cause of our present civilization  
is exhaustion.

And exhaustion, whether of brain,  
nerves, physical strength, or vital force,  
is caused by starvation.

Of two evils, it is better to over eat  
(and prevent indigestion with Stuart's  
Dyspepsia Tablets), than to rise from the  
table, not having eaten enough to repair  
the exhaustion of your vital forces.

For exhaustion or starvation leads to  
the most varied forms of sickness or dis-  
ease, brought on by inability of the  
weakened vitality to counteract the dis-  
ease—poisons, and microbes.

Whereas the well-fed and well-nourished  
person, without ever feeling the worse  
for it, can expose himself to dangers, the  
mere thought of which would drive the  
weak, starving dyspeptic into a panic fit.

Good food, well digested, is the great  
secret of a healthful existence here on  
earth.

So, eat heartily, every day, of the best  
food you can get, and regulate the work-  
ing of your digestive machinery with  
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

As a result, you will be astonished to  
find how much stronger and livelier you  
feel, how much more pleasure you will  
get out of life, and how your old enemy,  
that chronic trouble which has fastened  
upon your weak spot, wherever it is, will  
up and away, and never after leave you  
in peace, health and comfort.

There's more truth than poetry in all  
this.

Try it once.

## MITTELDOERFER'S

The Richest Display of New Fall and  
Winter Goods We've Ever Shown.

Everything that's new, up-to-date.  
The latest in Dress Goods, Silks, Tailor-Made Suits,  
Wraps, Furs, Sweaters.  
Now is the time. We're ready for you. Prices lower  
than ever.

#### Tailor Made Suits.

Stylish Tourist Coat Suits of  
tweed and Scotch mixtures, worth  
\$17.50, Monday, \$10.98

Mannish Mixed Suitings, Plain Col-  
ored Broadcloths, Black and Colored  
Cheviots, fitted or tourist coats,  
wide or fitted skirts, worth  
\$15, Monday, \$9.98

#### Wool and Silk Waists.

All Styles, Any Price.

Black Brilliantine, rich lus-  
ter, \$2 value, \$1.39

All Wool Albion and Nuns' Veil-  
ing, handsomely trimmed in Mexican  
braid and tucks, all colors, \$2  
value, \$1.39

All Wool Flannel Waists, 79c

Chiffon Taffeta Silk Waists, box  
plait or tucked, worth \$5,  
for \$2.49

One lot of Colored Taffeta  
Silk Waists, worth \$5, Mon-  
day, \$1.98

#### Colored Dress Goods.

New, Dressy Fabrics.

Broadcloth, in all the new  
tones and tints, 54 inches wide, 69c

Mannish Mixtures, Nub Mohairs,  
Scotch Tweeds, Herring Bone Stripes,  
worth \$1.25, Monday's price, 69c

25c Dress Goods, \$2 1-2c

#### Winter Underwear.

Every kind, every price, for men,  
women and children.

#### Black Dress Goods.

50-inch Black Sicilian, value  
\$1, Monday, 59c

45-inch Cheviot, strictly all  
wool, 39c

54-inch Broadcloth, \$1.35 69c

#### Women's Wraps.

Everything That's New and  
Stylish.

\$5.00 Tourist Coats of covert cloth,  
three-quarters length, invert-  
ed plait in back, strap belt, Rain  
Coats. They look swaggy, rain or  
shine.

Cravenette Rain Coats, tan and  
Oxford, loose back, collarless, fly front,  
with or without cape, Mon-  
day, \$7.49

#### Silks, Silks.

For Lot 1—Stripes, solid colors,  
large and small figures, worth  
75c, and \$1.

49c All Silk Guaranteed Taffeta.

79c Thirty-six inch Guaranteed  
Taffeta.

New Novelties for Suits and Waists.

#### Mattings, Mattings, Rugs

Come Prepared for Bargains.

Heavy, fluffy nap, lovely designs,  
in Persian effect, stripes and  
figures, 35c value, Monday 8 1/2c

25-inch Flannellettes, 4 1-2c

10c Outings, 6c

2c Curtain Muslin, 1 1-2c

10-1 Unbleached Sheeting, 15c.

Idle Reporter is an exception to this  
rule. His writings have the seeming of  
careless ease, they are unpretentious and  
conversational, but while in a different  
way it seems to me that at his best the  
Idle Reporter approaches such masters  
of style as Robert Louis Stevenson, John  
Hay, Tom Page, Anthony Hope, and  
J. M. Barry. Let The Times-Dispatch  
give him a free rein and he will give  
the gentle, kindly humor, the sym-  
pathetic spirit, the quick insight, the  
bright imagination, and the easy, flowing,  
graceful style, all encourage the belief  
that he may achieve high distinction in  
the world of letters. And, as I am  
assured that all good Spotsylvanians  
will mark his progress with warm hearts  
and swelled heads.

#### POLITICS.

The subject of politics is rarely men-  
tioned here and the campaign has awak-  
ened less interest than in any presiden-  
tial election since the reconstruction era.  
This is due in a measure to the fact  
that the Republicans have made no ef-  
fort to put up even a show of a fight.  
Another excuse for the apathy of the  
people is, it is probable, the fact that  
the very large number of white men dis-  
franchised under the provisions of the  
new Constitution. In this immediate  
neighborhood it appears by actual count  
that fifty per cent. of the white men  
will lose their votes in this election. Some  
of them are among the most intelligent,  
reputable, and respected tax-payers of  
the county. So far as can be learned  
such changes as have occurred in party  
affiliation have been the result of party  
defection, and not of any change in  
the attitude of the people. Those who have  
heretofore occupied an independent posi-  
tion are found supporting President  
Roosevelt.

The contest between Senator Martin  
and Governor Montague is already awak-  
ening interest, and there seems little  
doubt that there will be something de-  
cisive in politics before this time next year.  
Senator Martin is, beyond question, much  
stronger in this portion of the State  
than Governor Montague was three years ago,  
and it is equally certain that Governor  
Montague has lost ground with the people  
since his nomination for governor. This  
does not mean that the result next  
year is by any means certain. It is al-  
ways to be remembered that the unex-  
pected happens in politics. Shrewd and  
adroit managers as they are, Senator  
Martin and Congressman Swanson lost  
their heads in 1901 and played politics  
more like school boys than like expe-  
rienced and experienced leaders. They  
have proved themselves.

If Montague and Willard should stand  
in together the fight promises to be  
decidedly interesting and are likely to  
result by indirect means in a complete  
change of party. It is gratifying to good  
citizens to find that The Times-Dispatch  
is disposed to treat both factions fairly,  
and that it discounts personalities and  
mud slinging by either side.

#### GIGANTIC LAND DEAL.

Child Killed by Dose of Mor-  
phine by Mistake.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 8.—The  
most ghastly tragedy in the history of  
this State, was consummated last Saturday,  
when the deeds were signed conveying the  
rights and ownership in the Green Swamp

portance was transacted. An oyster supper  
will be tendered the club next Tuesday  
night.

The Auxiliary Society of the Y. M. C. A.  
are making preparations to give an enter-  
tainment early in November known as  
"Vanity Fair."

Mrs. B. B. Lipscomb went to Richmond  
this week to visit Judge J. M. Curries,  
who has just undergone an operation  
for appendicitis at St. Luke's Hospital.

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here last Wednesday for Washington,  
and after a short stay there will return  
to his western home. This is the first  
time Mr. Fishburne has been in Virginia  
in twenty years.

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on his way to Kentucky, was the guest  
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has been visiting here, returned to Rich-  
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new manager of the Virginia-Carolina  
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## LONG SIDE IS RECKLESS

Speculation in Stock Market  
Running Wild for Past  
Few Weeks.

### HALT HAS BEEN CALLED

Banking Interests Still in Con-  
trol, and Bull Movement Will  
Probably be Resumed.

Speculation in the stock market for the past  
few weeks has been running too wild, and in  
the latter part of this week it was deemed  
advisable to check the recklessness of the long  
side and to stimulate a larger short interest;  
hence the dull and sagging tendency of the  
past few days. The banking interests, how-  
ever, are still in control of the situation, and  
the bull movement will probably be re-  
sumed after the market has had a reasonable  
reaction.

Stocks are still in strong hands and no ex-  
tensive liquidation is anticipated, and no ma-  
terial slump in prices will be permitted. But  
a reaction has been long overdue and the  
market will be all the healthier for a tem-  
porary setback of reasonable proportions. Such  
is the expert opinion in Wall Street.

#### The Street's Opinion.

What is commonly called Wall Street opinion  
does not mean the views entertained by  
bankers and important financiers, who rarely  
make public utterances; but the phrase stands  
for the gossip and rumor which float into  
the street from a thousand sources, playing  
an important part in immediate fluctuations of  
values, often to an unduly magnified extent.

As is well known, such Wall Street opinion  
for a long time past has reflected pessimism.  
Curious illustrations of this are found in cur-  
rent criticism of every rise in the security  
market. When a stock advances little is heard  
of value or merit or earnings, but instant-  
ly rumors of deals are distributed with the  
implication that any rise must be unwarranted.  
Take, for example, the many spoken and  
written opinions lately to the effect that  
recent market improvements are not a result  
of manipulation. It takes but little considera-  
tion to see that such statements are in direct  
contradiction of the facts. Manipulation can  
take up a property here and there and artificially  
advance it for a time, but that such manipu-  
lation can move the market as a whole is  
brought out by the fact that the market has  
been bought or handled all securities showing  
gains since last May. Such a movement could  
not be maintained without the aid of manipu-  
lation, and it would require a combination of wealth  
and power involving most of the floating capital  
of the country.

#### Natural Conditions.

Despite Wall Street opinion, it appears plain  
that the movement which is now gathering  
headway finds ample and sufficient ex-  
planation in the strength and promise of natural  
conditions. Prices for securities are not ar-  
bitrarily established—they always ultimately  
rest on conditions. No student of economic  
conditions can deny that this is a period of  
inflation. Take prices of to-day, which  
look high compared with those of September,  
1901, but which look low compared with the  
prices of 1901-02. Wall Street persists in  
looking at the low record as a standard, ig-  
noring the high. And actually either set of  
figures is fallacious; the true method of arriving  
at value being analysis of earning power, by  
which set of figures is most accurate. It  
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Among dividend paying stocks are few which  
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#### The Real Feature.

There is no doubt of the wisdom of an ac-  
cumulation of sufficient size to protect divi-  
dends absolutely against possible hard times,  
but there certainly is a limit to that neces-  
sity; the limit being that the accumulation  
perfectly safe, a considerable distribution of  
assets to stockholders can be made. But apart  
from the question of dividends, there are plenty  
of good, sound, earning properties yielding  
income, and the accumulation of surpluses  
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